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## ***Capt. Shawn Flemmer Takes Command in Iraq***

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**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Capt. Shawn M. Flemmer assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), Gulf Region Division (GRD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baghdad, Iraq on July 29, 2007. Flemmer, a long-time member of the North Dakota Army National Guard, deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I am very proud to have been selected as GRD's HHD commander," said Flemmer. "I hope to continue and build upon the efforts put in place by Capt. Jessica

Secor. We've got a great team and with the support of everyone, I am anxious to get started."

The Gulf Region Division (GRD) is responsible for the U.S. government's Iraqi reconstruction effort. Saddam's regime largely neglected Iraq's infrastructure and spent very little over the past three decades on essential electrical, oil, water and transportation infrastructure. In fact, World Bank figures estimate nearly \$60 billion - maybe much more - is needed to modernize and sustain the nation's aged infrastructure.

To date, GRD has completed over 3,000 Iraq reconstruction projects with another 375 underway.

Flemmer is a graduate of the University of North Dakota with a bachelor of science degree in marketing education. His military education includes: Military Customs Inspector School, Engineer Officer Basic Course, Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Engineer Command and Staff and Recruiting Operations Officer School.

Flemmer is married to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Moranda L. Flemmer, also a member of the North Dakota Army National Guard, formerly of Beulah, N.D.

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